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1. Takarekanyagfeldolgozo Szövetkezet, the cooperative for the utilization of textile waste, was formed by a merger with the following cooperatives in 1953:

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- a. Nőkabatkessítő Szövetkezet, of 2 Suto Utca, Budapest V;
- b. Kőnyurumasati Szövetkezet.

The cooperative is subordinate to the National Organization of Small Industries through Textil Kiszov.

2. The cooperative which is located at 5 Dobosi Utca in Budapest VIII occupies a one-story building with a flat, ferro-concrete roof. This building extends over a front of some 100 feet and to a depth of approximately 50 feet. The ground floor houses a hall used for the cutting of material, and the first floor the machine shops and offices. The cooperative also disposes of a number of rented cellars in the vicinity for the assorting and storage of raw materials.
3. The staff of the cooperative totals approximately 300, including some 12 hired office workers. The cooperative works in one shift, with the exception of the cutting department, whose hours are from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m.
4. The cooperative comprises the following departments (approximate number of workers in brackets):
 - a. Padding for jackets (15)
 - b. Punching (4)
 - c. Sewing machines (80)
 - d. Cutting (20 in each of two shifts)
 - e. Assorting (70 working in the above-mentioned cellars)
 - f. Porters (10)
 - g. Purchases (15)
 - h. Cleaning workers (10)

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5. The office staff is composed of a general manager, an accountant, who is also deputy manager; a technical manager; four employees responsible for labor and wages; an employee in charge of the signing of Peace Loan bonds; the Party Secretary; and three clerks.
6. The cooperative's principal equipment includes the following:
 - a. 70 electric sewing machines, most of which are made by the Pfaff factory; the remainder are Singer products;
 - b. Seven large electric cutting machines, and four hand-operated models.
7. The cooperative's most important products are the following:
 - a. Padded working clothes, similar to a Soviet garment called Kufajka (Pufajka in Hungarian);
 - b. Blue overalls;
 - c. Tarpaulin covers for the driver's cab of tractors, commissioned by the Emag factory (Első Magyar Gazdasági Gépgyár);
 - d. Felt insulators for the Orion radio factory;
 - e. Shoe linings, which the cooperative supplies to all Hungarian shoe factories;
 - f. Cloth bags;
 - g. Rubber aprons;
 - h. Working gloves for the chemical industry;
 - i. Jacket padding;
 - j. Short winter coats;
 - k. Overalls for medical workers;
 - l. Shorts and caps.
8. The raw materials utilized by the cooperative are entirely made up of industrial waste products, mainly textiles and rubber, to which the enterprise has the exclusive collection rights in all Budapest factories as well as in several plants outside the capital.
9. The cooperative's net profit for the year 1955 amounted to 1,800,000 forints. The greatest part of this sum, however, was appropriated by the government under various pretexts, while members' dividends totaled no more than 50 per cent. of their wages.
10. The following personalities at Takarekanyagfeldolgozó Szövetkezet are known:
 - a. Armin Fried [redacted] is the technical manager. A former owner of a shirt factory, he was expelled from the Party for his "bourgeois antecedents." He is married.
 - b. Imre Schnabe [redacted] is the chief store-keeper. He is not a party member.

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c. Eva Szabo [REDACTED] is the Party cell secretary. She is married and resides in Vecses.

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d. Gabor Sallagyi, a former leather merchant [REDACTED] was the Party cell secretary until the end of 1955, when he was dismissed from his post for unknown reasons.

e. Mrs. Varlaki [REDACTED] is the general manager. [REDACTED]
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